

# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## CORRECTIONS PROGRAMS

### *Jail Linkage Program*



The Florida Department of Health (DOH), HIV/AIDS Section, Prevention Program leads in the provision of prevention, testing and linkage services within the correctional system. DOH funds two programs for inmates preparing to return to their communities: the Jail Linkage Program and the Prison Pre-Release Planning Program. Another program provides prison-based peer education training. Total funding for the corrections programs is approximately \$1.6 million.

The jail linkage programs (JLP) are located in 15 counties. They provide testing and education for HIV and screening for hepatitis and STDs. For HIV-infected inmates preparing to return to their community, program coordinators provide linkages to medical and prenatal care, case management, substance abuse and mental health services, housing, transportation and other needed services. A brief five-year summary, 2010-14, of the JLP outcomes is included below:

	<b>Tested</b>	<b>Male +</b>	<b>Female +</b>	<b>New +</b>	<b>Pos.Rate (%)</b>
<b>2010</b>	34,824	159	66	148	0.64
<b>2011</b>	32,157	164	43	95	0.64
<b>2012</b>	30,614	116	89	64	0.70
<b>2013</b>	28,061	108	36	59	0.51
<b>2014</b>	18,169	63	19	82	0.45
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>143,825</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>0.60</b>